

mail with your advice for I must answer him on friday next without fail—

My Sister & Nancy will come down as soon as the weather moderates & the roads get passable — at present we have a large Snow on the ground which fell on Wednesday last & a strong prospect of another—We are all well & herein send you to be distributed in your family & Reading's (when you see them)  
Love, Comp<sup>ts</sup>., good wishes & all that—

I am  
as usual  
Yo. Mo. Ob<sup>t</sup>.  
Tho. Blount

Pray have your feather  
Grass seed ready by  
the time my Sister comes  
down—I mean as much as  
you can spare

*Richard Dobbs Spaight to John Gray Blount*

Philadelphia 15<sup>th</sup>. Febr<sup>y</sup>. 1800

Dear Sir,

I rec<sup>d</sup>. a letter from Doctor [Hugh] Williamson some days ago, in which he requests me [to] know from Mr. Strother or Price,<sup>22</sup> "the latitude of Raleigh [,] New Berne, Wilmington & Edenton, respectively; and what is the longitude of either of those places, provided they have ascertained the Longitude by astronomical Observations." Shall I trouble you to make those inquiries and write me on the Subject that I may inform the Doctor. You see I am determined to beg you into a Correspondence whether you will or not —

I have been very ill since my arrival here, but am at present on the recovery, and think I have a prospect of weathering March, that is much as to say I dont expect to die this year, unless by accident.

Business goes on but Slowly in Congress; that which relates to finance will be necessarily delayed, untill we can hear from the

<sup>22</sup> For Price's and Strother's maps, see David Allison to Blount, January 21, February 18, and April 1, 1796, in this volume. Williamson was engaged in writing one of his geographical studies or histories. Spaight to Blount, March 28, 1800, in this volume; *Dictionary of American Biography*, XX, 298-300.